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ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST OPPOSITION CRITICISMS

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1. THE GOT COUNTERMEASURES ANNOUNCED BY FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL
JUNE 17 AGAINST THE US ARMS EMBARGO HAVE BEEN SHARPLY ATTACKED
BY THE PARLIAMENTARY OPPOSITION AND RECEIVED A BASICALLY NEGATIVE
REACTION IN THE PRESS. IN ADDITION TO THE STATEMENT
ISSUED BY REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY CHAIRMAN ECEVIT
(REF A), THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DP), WHICH HAD HERETOFORE
SIDED WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS, DESCRIBED
THE GOVERNMENT ACTION AS "WAVERING, INADEQUATE AND HESITANT"
AND CALLED FOR AN "OPEN, DECISIVE AND COURAGEOUS" POLICY.

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SEPARATELY, DP ASSEMBLY GROUP DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OLCMAN

DENOUNCED THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION AS THE "LATEST AND MOST DANGEROUS EXAMPLE OF THE DISAGREEMENT AND DISHARMONY EXISTING IN THE GOVERNMENT."

2. PRESS REACTION TO CAGLAYANGIL'S STATEMENT IS BEING REPORTED BY SEPTTEL.

3. FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL SPOKE IN THE SENATE IN THE AFTERNOON JUNE 17 TO DELIVER A FOREIGN POLICY REPORT SIMILAR TO THE ONE HE HAD PRESENTED TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (REFTTEL B). SUBSEQUENTLY HE SPOKE IN DEFENSE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE ARMS EMBARGO. HE POINT OUT:

BEGIN QUOTE: THERE ARE NO JOINT DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS IN ALL THE NATO COUNTRIES. BECAUSE OF HER FRONTIERS, TURKEY HAS NATO JOINT DEFENCE INSTALLATIONS. THEY ARE KNOWN AS BILATERAL AGREEMENTS. WE CAME TO POWER IN 1965 AND FACED THIS BILATERAL AGREEMENTS QUESTION. WE MADE NO BILATERAL AGREEMENT. THE GOVERNMENT BEFORE US HAD MADE EXTENSIVE ONES VERBALLY OR IN WRITING. THEIR LEGAL VALIDITY IS ALSO QUESTIONABLE.

THEN OUR GOVERNMENT TOOK UP THIS MATTER AND PROPOSED TO THE AMERICANS THAT THEY BE TAKEN UNDER A DISCIPLINE AND MADE LEGAL. THE AMERICANS SAID, 'THESE ARE LEGAL. WE MADE THE SAME AGREEMENTS WITH OTHERS. IF WE START WORKING WITH YOU ON THEM, THE OTHER STATES WILL ALSO DEMAND IT.' WE CONVINCED THEM. WE WORKED FOR TWO AND A HALF YEARS AND PRODUCED THE JOINT DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT AS A FRAMEWORK IN 1969. THIS AGREEMENT LOOKED AFTER TURKEY'S SOVEREIGNTY RIGHTS. WE WERE TO REVISE THE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITHIN A YEAR OF THAT FRAMEWORK. WE STARTED IT AND CONTINUED WITH IT UNTIL WE LEFT POWER. THE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WERE GATHERED INTO 11 TOPICS AND TWO OF THEM WERE SIGNED. WORK WAS CONTINUING ON THE OTHERS.

WHEN THE EMBARGO WAS IMPOSED, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DAY SAID, 'I WILL NO LONGER NEGOTIATE THEM.' TODAY WE SAY, 'WE SEE AS INVALID ALL THE EXISTING TREATY OBLIGATIONS WITH YOU INCLUDING THE 1969 AGREEMENT.' WE SAY, 'I AM NO LONGER BOUND

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BY THEM. I CALL YOU TO NEGOTIATIONS IN 30 DAYS.' IF THIS IS NOT A MEASURE, WHAT IS? WHY THE DISAPPOINTMENT? THEY NOW ASK US, 'WHY DON'T YOU TAKE ACTION TODAY?' INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS HAVE LONG-TERM EFFECTS. THE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERED ALL THAT AND ARRIVED AT THIS CONCLUSION. END QUOTE.
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